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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned application please find the following documents

- 1) Amendment (9 pages) including Tab 1, Clean Version of the New Paragraphs of the Specification (1 page) and Clean Version of the Amended and New Claims (3 pages) and Tab 2, Marked-Up Version of the Amended and New Claims (3 pages); and
 - A duplicate copy of this Transmittal Letter.

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AMENDMENT

In response to the outstanding Office action dated September 12, 2002, please amend the above-captioned application as follows.

In the Specification:

Please amend the Specification as follows.

At page 3, in between lines 14 and 15 please insert the following paragraphs.

-- In another aspect, the invention features an adhesive coated article that includes a substrate with a first and second major surface and a layer of microsphere adhesive on at least a portion of the first major surface of the substrate, wherein the microsphere adhesive includes a plurality of hollow, polymeric acrylate, inherently tacky, infusible, solvent-insoluble, solvent dispersible, pressure sensitive microspheres that include at least about 85 parts by weight of at least one alkyl acrylate ester or alkyl methacrylate ester, and up to about 15 parts by weight of at least one (meth)acrylamide monomer, wherein a majority of the microspheres contain at least one interior void having a diameter at least about 10 % of the diameter of the hollow microspheres.

In other aspects, the invention features an adhesive coated article that includes a substrate with a first and second major surface and a layer of microsphere adhesive on at least a portion of the first major surface of the substrate, wherein the microsphere

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